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RETRACTABLE PARCEL SHELF SYSTEM FOR A CONVERTIBLE
VEHICLE WITH A FOLDING ROOFBACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION(1) Field of the Invention

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[0001] The invention relates to a retractable parcel shelf system for a convertible vehicle with a folding roof.

(2) Prior Art

[0002] Such a retractable rear roof system is in itself known and comprises at least a panel and means for pivoting this panel about an axis transversal to the longitudinal axis (forward direction) of the vehicle. Thus, the panel moves from a normal operating position (typically a horizontal position) to a stored or retracted position inside a storage space in the vehicle which classically allows to also fold away the folding roof.

[0003] Traditionally, the storage space is composed of the rear boot of the vehicle which typically receives both the retractable panel and the folded roof.

[0004] When the parcel shelf system comprises a single-piece panel extending over the entire transversal length of the passenger compartment of the vehicle, the size of this panel could cause difficulties if the panel is to be put into the retracted position inside the storage space, within an area of limited transversal dimensions located between the wheels.

[0005] For this reason in particular, we already know of parcel shelf systems comprising a central panel placed on either side of the central panel and movable with respect to the latter. Means for displacement are furthermore envisaged